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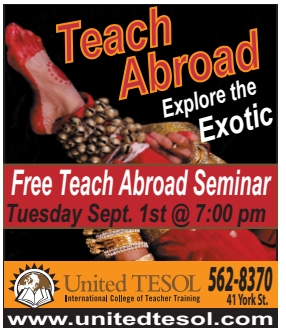

Pride in numbers

Thousands line streets for Capital Pride Parade

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Sandwiched in between a rainy morning and a drab afternoon, the sun came out for what organizers called "the most colourful festival in Ottawa" yesterday.

Tens of thousands of people lined the parade route for the 24th annual Capital Pride Parade, which featured more than 70 entries.

The parade, which wrapped up a week of events, is the highlight of Capital Pride, with participants and spectators coming from all over Ontario and the United States, said Capital Pride parade grand marshal Joanne Law.

"This week has been awesome," said Law, who cited the event at the Human Rights monument, Walk The Bridge In My Shoes, the women's stage, and the Capital Pride Gala as a few of the successes.

It reflects well on Ottawa as the capital of Canada that people here are so supportive of Pride, said Miss Capital Pride Sultanna Corangie. "Ottawa is a great city to live in."

For Angela Schnurr and Laura King, who rode one of the motorcycles in the procession, this Pride marked their first as a married couple — they wed last week at Westboro Beach. And from Ottawa Police Staff Sgt. John Medeiros — who was one of about 30 Ottawa police officers showing their support yesterday — to first-time spectator Shea Baran, the parade attracted old and new fans.

Ottawa West Nepean MPP Jim Watson was one of many local politicians marching in the parade.

"It's a good opportunity to show people what a tolerant country we are, and to signal clearly to the world that we're a country that doesn't believe in discrimination," he said.

"It's important to be supportive," echoed spectator Jennifer Webster.

For Ottawa resident John Saechao, the parade served a more practical purpose.

"It was nice to see what kinds of resources are offered," said Saechao, 22. "You don't always hear about these youth groups, sports teams and crisis centres."

TRACEY TONG/METRO OTTAWA

Miss Capital Pride Sultanna Corangie waves to the crowd yesterday. Tens of thousands of spectators attended the parade, which was the highlight of Ottawa's Capital Pride celebration.

Police seek sex assault suspect

INVESTIGATION A young woman was sexually assaulted while jogging on an east-end pathway yesterday, police say.

Ottawa police are investigating the alleged assault after a woman was attacked shortly after 6 a.m.

The victim, who is in her late teens, was jogging on a pathway near the Blackburn Arena when she was attacked from behind and sexually assaulted, police said.

Police are seeking a man between 20 and 30 years old, between five-foot-six and five-foot-seven with a slim build and dark skin. He was wearing a shirt with buttons from the mid-chest to his neck. Police said he smelled of alcohol.

Anyone with information should call police at 613-236-1222 ext. 5944 or Crime Stoppers at 613-233-8477 (TIPS).

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Air show rallies after stormy days

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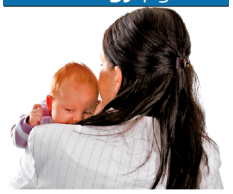

Women still face barriers

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Pollsters set to paint portrait of Liberal landscape

Federal Liberals will get a detailed picture of the Canadian public-opinion landscape during this week's retreat in Sudbury — a meeting bound to be pivotal in determining whether the country is going to the polls this year.

If the Sudbury polling presentation is similar to the one the Liberals' provincial cousins received last week — and chances are it is, given that it's coming from the same polling firm — then there may be some second thoughts about the wisdom of provoking an election this fall.

Last week, Liberal MPPs were treated to a presentation by Pollara president Don Guy, in which they reportedly learned it has been a good summer for Prime Minister Stephen Harper and the Conservative "brand." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Presentation won't focus on election call

- Pollara's chairman and founder Michael Marzolini says election speculation is not a big part of his presentation. "Of my 40 minutes, I'm only dedicating 10 seconds to the issue of when to call the election," Marzolini said yesterday.

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One week left to catch Renaissance masterpieces

Art lovers have a week to see the Italian Renaissance masterpieces in From Raphael to Carracci: The Art of Papal Rome at the National Gallery of Canada before the exhibit ends on Labour Day. METRO OTTAWA

Local

Sink a shot, win some cash

Ottawa residents will get a shot at cash prizes during Lakeport's Sure Shot Giveaway this Thursday. Between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. at 264 Rideau St., the first 300 people age 19 and over who can sink a basket in the Sure Shot net will win $10. To guarantee a winning shot, Lakeport has lowered the basketball rim — which measures eight feet in diameter — to just four feet off the ground, and contestants can walk as close to the net as they want. METRO OTTAWA

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FIRE Ottawa police continue to investigate a fire they believe was deliberately set in a shed on the grounds of Rothwell United Church Saturday. The fire completely destroyed the shed and its contents. Police are now seeking three males.

ROBBERY Police are seeking a white male after a Petro-Canada gas bar was robbed Saturday. At 3:30 a.m., a lone male armed with a hatchet entered a store in the 1300 block of Prince of Wales Drive. An undisclosed amount of cash was taken from the clerk.

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Air Rallye soars after dubious start

Attendance rebounds after poor weather

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Despite being grounded and rained out on Saturday, the Classic Air Rallye at the Canada Aviation Museum rallied nicely with solid attendance yesterday.

The weekend air show got off to a rocky start. On Friday, Howard Cook, a 41-year-old pilot visiting from England, was hospitalized after the 1946 de Havilland Tiger Moth he was scheduled to fly crashed shortly after taking off from the Gatineau airport.

The crash has brought a heightened sense of caution to the activities around the show, said Vintage Wings pilot Robert Erdos.

"There are always certain risks to operating vintage airplanes. We minimize them, but we accept them," he said.

Saturday's heavy rain meant no planes were flying, but yesterday the ceiling was up to 4,000 feet, which meant all serviceable planes spent some time in the air making demonstration fly-pasts.

"People are really interested to hear what we do and where we're based. We're showing the kids what they can fly if they wanted to join the air force."
Capt. Mathew Cormie, Canadian Forces

Air Rallye spokesperson Peter Pigott said they are not putting on the typical "boom and zoom" air show. The planes fly past at slower speeds, which allows people to get a better look when they are in the air. They are also parked nearby for people to examine up close on the ground.

"They're just beautiful planes," said Chris Geren, who attended the show with his wife Mary, his two-year-old son Keith and his parents. "I used to love looking at the old war planes in books when I was a kid, and my grandfather is a big war buff so he knows a lot about them. It's fun to come out and see them."

Canadian Forces pilot Capt. Mathew Cormie said most air shows he's been to focus on jets, bombers and air-acrobatics teams, whereas the Classic Air Rallye encourages more interaction between planes, pilots and the public.

Cormie attended the air show yesterday with a CT-156 Harvard II training plane from Moose Jaw, Sask.

"People are really interested to hear what we do and where we're based," he said. "We're showing the kids what they can fly if they wanted to join the air force."

TIM WIECLAWSKI/METRO OTTAWA

Two-year-old Keith Geren points as a 1943 Beechcraft Staggerwing D17-S flies past the crowd at the Classic Air Rallye yesterday at the Canada Aviation Museum. The plane, owned by Vintage Wings, is featured in the upcoming film Amelia, starring Hilary Swank.

High attendance numbers expected after SuperEX wraps up

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FAIR Although official numbers for this year's SuperEX won't be in until this afternoon, organizers are expecting attendance numbers to close in around half a million visits, making the event one of the best ever.

"We expect numbers will be even higher than last year's," said Doug Hempstead, manager of marketing and communications.

Rain on Saturday hurt the turnout on what would have been the busiest day for SuperEX, which wrapped up last night at Lansdowne Park. But events like the free poker tournament — which drew players from all over North America — the roller derby and the April Wine concert brought thousands of people in, Hempstead said.

"We've had very good weather throughout, compared to what Bluesfest was up against, so we're very happy," he said.

Hempstead said he believes one reason that attendance was up this year was that with a recession going on, "people didn't make the big trips out of town this year to Wonderland and/or Marineland. They just came to SuperEX."

And once they did, there was plenty to do, he said.

"We made sure there was something for everybody," Hempstead said. "We catered to everyone, young and old. Even a single family might have people with six different tastes."

As with other years, the midway was one of the most popular attractions, but new features, including the strolling performers, educational animal shows and the apple pie-baking contest for charity were also popular, Hempstead said.

Also finishing a run at Hog's Back Park last night was Carnivale Lune Bleue.

The second annual event faced weather challenges when it opened late July, said event spokeswoman Stephanie Egan.

"But we made the best of the situation and managed to rebound quite nicely," she said. "We had some luck in the latter weekends, and the carny wedding went off without a hitch. And once people realized the shows were under tents and that they could still enjoy the shows, it was a bit better."

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Festival celebrates past, focuses on future of Ottawa River

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RIVERFEST It might be easy now to forget the vital role the Ottawa River played in founding this country.

Before the highways were paved and the rail lines were laid, the Ottawa River was the gateway to the west. Anyone hoping to get to the heart of the continent travelled up the Ottawa River, according to historical re-enactor Bryan Two Bears Martin.

Even before European settlers moved into the area, the Algonquin First Nations controlled the river and demanded a toll from other First Nations to travel along it, he said.

As more European settlements grew along the river, it became a vital route for the logging industry.

"It's looked over a bit now because of modern society, but when you look at what it provided for the communities in the area, it's a real eyeopener," said Frank Pooley, who attended Riverfest yesterday at Pinhey's Point Historical Site with his wife Maria and their three kids.

Riverfest is traditionally a low-key affair at Pinhey's Point, but Sarah Ferguson, education and interpretation officer for the museum, said it has gradually been gaining momentum over the last few years.

The event is intended to celebrate the rich history of the river and the people who lived on it, but Ferguson said it also focuses on the future of the waterway by educating young people about conservation and sustainability.

"We're trying to build stewards in the visitors that are coming," Ferguson said. "It's building an awareness for protecting our waterway."

Even though highly publicized sewage spills have made water quality a hot topic, she said they were not politicizing the event.

Court clears man for takeoff
The Canadian Human Rights Commission has ruled in favour of a Winnipeg pilot who was forced into retirement, CBC News Online reports.
Raymond Hall is part of a group of Air Canada pilots called Fly Past 60, that formed to protest the company's mandatory retirement age of 60. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Canada

Man rapped for school threats

A New Brunswick man has received a conditional discharge for threatening a school principal who scaled back the daily singing of O Canada at his daughter's school, CBC News Online reports. Bradley Howland, 43, of Hatfield Point, was also ordered Friday to stay away from Erik Millett and Millett's partner, and not to go near the school for eight months unless accompanied by his wife.
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Sun shines for Clinton

Former U.S. president talks in Toronto on healthcare, Ted Kennedy

The sun shines, and audiences beam, for Bill Clinton.

Or at least they did Saturday, when the skies cleared in time for the former U.S. president to address almost 12,000 spectators at BMO Field at the Canadian National Exhibition.

The speech was called "Embracing our Common Humanity," a theme and title Clinton has used in the past. But his words Saturday were tailored to a Canadian audience. He evoked Canada's First Nations to elucidate the urban-rural divide, spoke of its presence in Afghanistan, and referenced Alberta's oilsands with regard to climate change.

But before he did any of that, Clinton, who had just flown to Toronto from the Boston funeral of Senator Edward Kennedy, opened his remarks with words of remembrance for the late senator.

"I hope (Kennedy's) lifetime dream that America finally will follow Canada, and every other advanced nation in the world, in providing affordable health care to all of our people, will pass."
Bill Clinton, former U.S. president

"I knew him for more than 30 years," he said. "We worked together, sometimes we fought ... but throughout it all I cherished my relationship with him because he proved that public service was an honourable way to live, and he gave his entire life to trying to make our country and the world a better place."

His voice hoarse, Clinton turned to the health-care debate south of the border. It was a subject he would revisit throughout the half-hour speech.

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Former U.S. president Bill Clinton speaks Saturday during his Embracing Our Common Humanity speech at the Canadian National Exhibition in Toronto.

Doer selected as ambassador to U.S.

POLITICS Gary Doer, Canada's choice as the next ambassador to the United States, is a pragmatist who is skilled at reaching out across partisan and international boundaries, according to friends and observers.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper surprised political pundits Friday by selecting Doer, a member of the New Democratic Party who has served as premier of Manitoba for the past decade.

Doer

The move means Canada's most conservative government in recent years will have a member of the country's largest social democratic party as its public face in dealings with a U.S. government that moved left with the last election.

Doer, who pulled his own surprise Thursday by announcing his retirement as premier, had a good working relationship with Harper despite any political differences, said Paul Thomas, a University of Manitoba political scientist.

"He's a very pragmatic person," Thomas said.

Doer, 61, entered politics from the labor movement, and served as leader of Manitoba's official opposition for nine years before the NDP finally won power in 1999. He has been re-elected twice as premier. Known for his sense of humor, Doer was the longest serving of Canada's provincial and territorial premiers, and observers say he has shown an ability to work with other political parties.

"If there was one bit of magic that has worked for Gary Doer politically, and I think will work for him diplomatically, it doesn't really matter what political stripe you are," said Paul Samyn, who covered Doer for the Winnipeg Free Press.
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Dad intends to post reward

JENKINS CASE Ryan Jenkins' father said he intends to offer a reward for Jasmine Fiore's killer.

Her body was found inside a suitcase in a trash bin near Los Angeles. The only suspect was her husband, Calgary millionaire and reality TV participant, Ryan Jenkins. He was found hanged in a Hope, B.C., motel Aug. 23. Dan Jenkins said he believes his son spent his last days "watching the media report that he was the brutal killer of his own wife."
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Police comb property for clues

MISSING Police have concluded their search of a rural property near Prince George, B.C., in relation to the disappearance of a missing tree planter from Alberta — one of 18 women to have disappeared along the stretch of road known as the Highway of Tears..

Nicole Hoar, 25, a woman from Red Deer, Alta., went missing June 21, 2002, while hitchhiking to visit her sister in Smithers, B.C.

RCMP Cpl. Annie Linteau said police are unable to release whether any items of interest or human remains were located.

"It typically takes some time for investigators to determine the significance of any items collected," she said. Mounties started combing through the property on Pinewood Road, west of Prince George at the end of last week. Yesterday, they also searched through a second location that appears to be an unauthorized dumping site.

Linteau said investigators are not expecting to find human remains at this location. "Of special interest is an abandoned vehicle found at that location that will be seized and forensically examined," Linteau said.
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Highway of Tears

- Hoar and 17 other women have vanished or been found dead since 1974 on a stretch of Highway 16 between Prince George and Prince Rupert. It has been dubbed the Highway of Tears.

News in brief

HEALTH As many as one in seven young Canadian adults may be deficient in vitamin C, which could place them at increased risk for chronic health problems, according to new research. Dr. Ahmed El-Sohemy, of the University of Toronto, and his team found that 33 per cent of nearly 1,000 Canadian adults they tested had suboptimal levels, and the remaining 14 per cent, one in seven, had deficient levels. REUTERS

COURTS Does an obstetrician have a duty of care to an unborn child? A Guelph hospital, citing a 2008 court decision that found a doctor had no such obligation in the case of a girl born with birth defects because of an acne drug prescribed to her mother, says no. But the family of another child says yes. The issue will be argued today in a London, Ont., courtroom. The Liebig family has brought a motion before the courts on behalf of their 8-year-old son, Kevin.

FIREARMS It's like an eBay for guns. When Mississauga, Ont.'s Dennis Hingsberg's website, GunAddicts.com, launches on Tuesday, Sept. 1., firearm lovers from across the country will be able to buy and auction off guns to their fellow firearms enthusiasts.
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Germany's ruling party takes losses in regional vote, but still holds lead

Chancellor Angela Merkel's party suffered losses in German regional elections yesterday, a setback that could hurt her chances of forming the centre-right government she wants after next month's federal vote. Merkel's conservatives hold a comfortable 12-15 point lead in national polls over their main rivals, the centre-left Social Democrats. REUTERS

World

Olmert indicted over scandals

Former Israeli prime minister Ehud Olmert was indicted yesterday over corruption scandals that forced him to resign last year. The charges stem from allegations he took cash payments from a U.S. businessman, advanced the interests of clients of a former law partner and double-billed Israeli charities for overseas travel expenses during fundraising trips. REUTERS

Al-Qaida names Saudi bomber

JEDDAH Al-Qaida yesterday identified a militant who tried to kill Saudi Arabia's security chief on Thursday as Abdullah al-Asiri, a wanted suspect who entered from Yemen.

Abdullah al-Asiri

A suicide bomber posing as a repentant militant blew himself up in the Jeddah office of Prince Mohammed bin Nayef in the first known attack on a member of the Saudi royal family since al-Qaida began a violent campaign in Saudi Arabia in 2003.

"The hero martyr on the list of 85 wanted persons Abdullah Hassan Tali' al-Asiri, known as Abul-Khair, managed to enter his palace, pass his guards and blow up a package," said a statement on Islamist websites attributed to the "Qaida Jihad Organisation in the Arab Peninsula."

The Saudi and Yemeni branches of al-Qieda merged early this year to form al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula. They regrouped in Yemen after a vigorous counter-terrorism campaign led by Prince Mohammed, deputy interior minister, that badly damaged militants in Saudi Arabia. REUTERS

Dalai Lama visits Taiwan

China unhappy with spiritual leader's trip to meet typhoon victims

China denounced the Dalai Lama's trip to Taiwan, saying the visit by a man Beijing brands a separatist could "have a negative influence" on relations between the mainland and Taiwan, state media reported today.

The Tibetan spiritual leader arrived yesterday in Taiwan, a self-ruled island claimed by Beijing, for a hasty visit to comfort victims of a typhoon.

As with a denunciation it issued when the visit was announced last week, China focused its criticism on the opposition Democratic Progressive Party.

By not blaming Taiwan President Ma Ying-jeou or the ruling Nationalist Party, Beijing may have indicated that it does not wish to escalate the issue.

"The Democratic Progressive Party has ulterior motives to instigate the Dalai Lama's visit to Taiwan, who has long been engaged in separatist activities," a spokesman for the State Council's Taiwan Affairs Office was quoted as saying by Xinhua news agency.

"We resolutely oppose this and our position is firm and clear," the spokesman said. "The Dalai Lama's visit to Taiwan is bound to have a negative influence on the relations between the mainland and Taiwan."

China is considered unlikely to retaliate by choking off growing economic ties between the longtime political rivals.

China opposes the Dalai Lama's trips abroad and condemned Taiwan opposition leaders for inviting him last week to visit until Friday. He will pray for victims of Typhoon Morakot, Taiwan's worst storm in 50 years which killed up to 745 people. REUTERS

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Exiled Tibetan spiritual leader the Dalai Lama and Kaohsiung Mayor Chen Chu greet the media as they arrive in Kaohsiung City in southern Taiwan yesterday.

Sovereignty claim

- China has claimed sovereignty over Taiwan since 1949, when Mao Zedong's forces won the Chinese civil war and Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalists fled to the island.

Two pilots killed at Polish air show

CRASH Two Belarussian Air Force pilots were killed yesterday when their SU-27 fighter plane crashed during an aerial acrobatics display at an air show in central Poland, police said.

"The two pilots did not manage to catapult to safety and were killed in the crash but there were no other casualties," police spokeswoman Agnieszka Humelusz in Radom, a city about 100 km south of Warsaw, told Reuters.

Witness Leszek Kopec told Reuters by telephone: "The SU-27 crashed far beyond the spectator area minutes after beginning its aerial performance."

Poland's news channels showed the large, heavy plane making three aerial revolutions and then levelling off as if about to land. It then disappeared from sight beyond a line of trees and exploded, sending up billows of thick, black smoke.

"The plane crashed about 100 metres from buildings in the village of Naleczyn on the outskirts of Radom," TVN24 said.

Two pilots from Poland's Zelazny Aerial Acrobatics Group were killed at the 2007 Radom show when their planes collided in midair during a performance. REUTERS

News in brief

KIDNAPPING The couple accused of kidnapping an 11-year-old girl and keeping her hidden for 18 years pleaded not guilty to dozens of charges Friday as police searched their home for evidence related to murders of prostitutes in the 1990s. Phillip Garrido, 58, and his wife, Nancy, appeared in El Dorado County Superior Court to answer 29 criminal counts that included kidnapping for sexual purposes, forcible lewd acts on a child and rape.

PAKISTAN A militant blew himself at a police station in Pakistan's northwestern Swat Valley yesterday killing 12 cadets in the second such attack in the area in recent weeks, a senior government official said.

IRAN Iran's new judiciary chief has replaced a hardline prosecutor who played a key role in the mass trials of leading reformers arrested over unrest that erupted after the disputed presidential election in June. REUTERS

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Gabon elections could see late president's son take power

Voters in Gabon turned out in large numbers yesterday to elect a successor to long-time leader Omar Bongo. The late president's son, Ali Ben, was tipped to take power in the central African oil producer. Official results are expected today or Tuesday. REUTERS

Japan's LDP suffers defeat

Japan's Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) picked Taro Aso as its leader a year ago in the hope he would turn around its sagging fortunes and preserve its five-decade grip on power.

Instead, he led the conservative, pro-business LDP to a historic defeat in a general election yesterday.

Aso said he took responsibility for the loss after media projections showed the LDP had shed two-thirds of its seats in the lower house election, adding the party should pick a successor soon.

After Aso became the party's fourth leader in four years last September, policy flip-flops and gaffes ravaged his approval ratings, sparking turmoil in the LDP and opening the way for the opposition Democratic Party to take power.

A Catholic in a land of Shinto and Buddhism, the dapper dresser was supposed to stand out from the grey men in suits that dominate Japanese politics. The hope was that the grandson of a prominent post-war prime minister would rally the party's standing in the polls and call a quick general election.

But the global financial crisis pushed Japan into its worst recession since World War Two and the chance was missed.

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'Cool old dude'

- Taro Aso, 68, who represented Japan at skeet shooting in the Montreal Olympics in 1976, had cultivated an image as a "cool old dude" and was a fan of the manga comics popular with youth.

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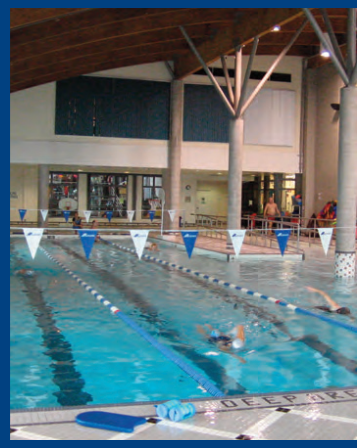

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A firefighter watches a water drop at the Station Fire in Angeles National Forest above the La Canada Flintridge area of Los Angeles, Calif., on Friday.

Fire rages on in California

BLAZE California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger said an "out of control" wildfire in the Los Angeles foothills had forced the evacuation of thousands of homes and threatened 12,500 buildings in the heavily populated area.

The heat-driven fire nearly doubled in size overnight and has now burned 35,000 acres of thick, bone-dry brush in the mountains above five towns, a 10-mile stretch from La Crescenta to Pasadena, the California Fire Department said. About 10,000 homes are under evacuation orders.

"These fires are still totally out of control," Schwarzenegger told reporters at the fire's command post in Lakeview Terrace. "This is a huge and very dangerous fire. The fire is moving very close to homes and to structures."

> **"These fires are still totally out of control."**
> Arnold Schwarzenegger, California governor

The fires prompted Schwarzenegger to return to California immediately following the Saturday funeral of his wife's uncle, Senator Edward Kennedy, he said.

Three remote homes have been destroyed so far and some 10,000 others and 2,500 buildings are in danger, as is Mount Wilson, the nexus for key telecommunications facilities, including TV and radio transmission towers.

"That site is the nerve centre for most of communication in the Los Angeles area," Station Fire Commander Mike Dietrich said.

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Myanmar fighters flee to China

BATTLE Men who said they had been fighting Myanmar government troops in fierce battles over recent days streamed into China yesterday, saying their long-autonomous enclave had fallen and its future was in doubt.

The clusters of weary men, some clutching a few belongings, described widespread bloodshed in the Kokang ethnic enclave in northeast Myanmar after government troops moved in, trying to dislodge local rulers and their militia who have long controlled this mountainous terrain next to China.

In its first comment on the fighting in the Kokang region of Shan State, Myanmar said yesterday that the situation had "returned to normal," security forces had restored peace and handed local power to an interim administration.

State television and radio, the military government's mouthpieces, said 26 police and soldiers had been killed and 47 wounded.

It called on the four leaders of the Myanmar National Democratic Alliance Army (MNDAA) to surrender.

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On the run

- Tens of thousands of Kokang residents have fled to China's Yunnan province to escape the fighting.

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Comment

Earning brownie points

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Today I came face to face with the truth about my own maturity level. In some 30 years of being an adult, the only thing I've grown out of is my jeans.

This morning, my sister Keltie called. Our conversation went something like this:

Keltie: I've been thinking about the big family occasion coming up and ...

Me: Me! Me! I'll do everything! I'll cook! I'll clean! I'll get the gift and the card and the cake and my kids will hand-sew a banner and write a commemorative poem and ...

Keltie: What can I do to help?

Me: You can remind me what we're celebrating.

Keltie: Anne, are you sure you want to do all this?

Me: Would I offer if I didn't want to?

This is a ridiculous question. Of course I would. The fact is, though, there is one thing hosting this gathering that will bring me what I can't get anywhere else. Not quality time with my family. I'm talking about brownie points.

Loosely defined, in any group of siblings brownie points means, "Mom always liked me best but just to make sure, look, I've bought her a car." To acquire brownie points you simply need to one-up your brothers and sisters in any small way. A sample scale is as follows:

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Calling Mom even when you don't need her to babysit = four points.

Helping Dad organize the basement = six points (Add an additional two points for not saying, "Do you really need to keep your bowling score cards from 1948?")

Acting more than three times.) straight in front of great aunt Elsie = 1,200 points.

Producing grandchildren = 200 million billion points.

Years ago, I read a book entitled, Siblings Without Rivalry. Frankly, they might as well have called it Living Without Breathing. In most families, vying for parental approval seems to be the norm. I asked a family psychology expert why this is.

Learned doctor: In the early history of humankind, a child's need to establish their superior status in the affections of parents stemmed from his/her instinct to secure protection from predators.

Me: And in modern times?

Learned doctor: Now we're just brats.

I myself do not approve of petty competition between brothers and sisters. Unless, of course, I'm winning. But there's a bigger problem with brownie points. At the end of the day I have a sneaking suspicion Mom loves us all the same.

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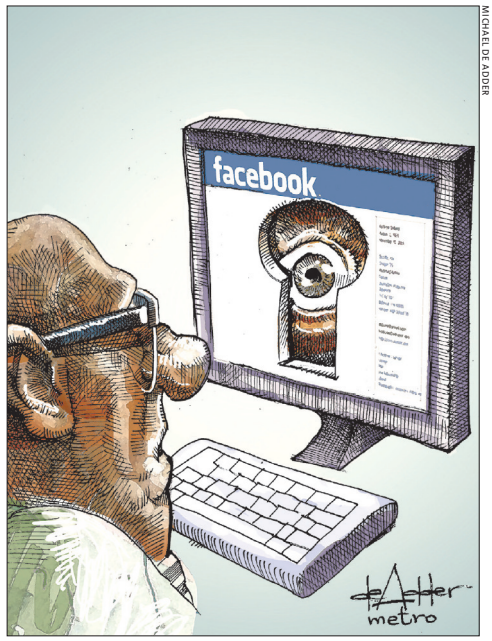

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Worth mentioning

Networking sites aiding burglars, report finds

Facebook users enthusing about an upcoming holiday or a recently purchased high-tech gadget may not just be telling their friends but also potential burglars, warns an insurance company.

A survey of 2,092 social media users by British-based Legal & General found nearly four in 10, or 38 per cent, of people using social networking sites like Facebook or Twitter post details about holiday plans and 33 per cent details of a weekend away.

13 Men were found to be quite relaxed about giving personal information online, with 13 per cent including their cellphone number on their profile compared with seven per cent of women. Nine per cent of men also posted their address compared to four per cent of women.

In a report called The Digital Criminal, Legal & General said people used social media sites to connect with people who were essentially strangers, which could provide potential thieves with vital, personal information.

Reformed burglar Michael Fraser, who helped Legal & General prepare the report, said this personal information was being used by professional burglars to establish a list of targets. REUTERS

Views

Dude, where's my bus? The new fall sked

InTransit

Steve Collins

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Transpo giveth and Transpo taketh away.

The fall revamp of OC Transpo bus schedules, effective Sept. 6, is no minor tinkering, with entire routes added and cancelled, more frequent buses on some, and much renumbering, rerouting and rejigging.

Giveth: Say hello to new routes 99, 120, 133, 150, 155, 159, 189, 195 and 199.

Taketh away: End of the line for routes 25, 29, 30, 50, 51, 55 and 59.

Giveth: "Route 2 service west of Westboro station will be increased to every 10 minutes during rush hour and every 12 minutes midday," OC Transpo's website informs us.

Taketh away: Leave the bike at home. Route 2 is no longer designated a Rack and Roll route.

After all this losing on the swings and gaining on the roundabouts, OC Transpo says overall service will be expanded by seven per cent.

Numerous inbound routes will now stop before they reach the downtown core, an attempt to reduce the traffic congestion caused by those endless rush hour conga lines of buses. That means lots of passengers transferring to get across downtown. A transfer is just one more opportunity for missed connection and delay, and usually on the coldest days of winter.

When the changes were proposed, there were complaints about the short amount of time transit users (and owners, lest we forget) had to lobby for the retention of their local route. Sure it's public transit, but who needs to hear from the public?

Changes, though, are always going to be unwelcome in some quarters. We don't like having our food dish moved, and once you've chiselled out your own niche of the transit system and made it work for you, it's a pain to go back to the drawing board.

I expect many riders don't bother researching the ins and outs of the bus schedules and will find out about the changes by going to the bus stop, waiting, and eventually realizing the bus isn't coming — ever.

That said, 24-hour service on Route 95, which spits people across the city and to suburban Park & Rides beyond, is a welcome development.

The change adds just a little less than two hours of additional service, but for shift workers, late-night partiers and those who find themselves unexpectedly stranded at odd hours, it could make all the difference. Even if your starting point or destination isn't near a stop, a cab ride to the Transitway beats paying for a trip right across town. Here's hoping it's just the first such expansion.

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1,000 tonnes of landfill from replaced cellphones

About 9.3 million mobile phones are replaced in Canada every year, which equates to around 1,000 tonnes of landfill (and a bunch of nasty chemicals), according to Change The World for Ten Bucks: 50 Ways To Make A Difference. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Going Green

Saving time and space

U.S.-based Zigo Inc. says its Zigo Leader can convert from a stand-alone bicycle to one with front-attached kid trailer, left, to a stroller in under a minute. But saving time and space doesn't come cheap. The mom- or dad- powered system costs $1,349 US. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Mining aims to strike a balance

EarthTones

Sophia Dore & Andrew Laursen

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We think that environmental responsibility starts when activism meets pragmatism. In our youth, one member of this writing team was an industry-hating, tree-hugging, protest-walking, T-shirt-slogan-wearing environmentalist (of course, for balance, the other was a muscle car driving, resource guzzling, beer-slogan T-shirt wearing Alex P Keaton wannabe).

Upon aging, however we realize that, as appealing as it sometime sounds, we can't just live in a cave and eat nuts and berries. Modern life requires stuff, stuff must be made of raw material that must be generated and needs energy and equipment to make it into the stuff we want and that requires industry. Furthermore, industry provides jobs, and is the backbone of communities. Therefore polluting industries cannot just be closed or fined out of existence. We can only move forward by partnering with these industries and helping them to become environmental responsible and sustainable.

The mining industry is a case in point. Traditionally a very important part of Canada's resource based economy, it has historically been very bad for the environment. Hundreds of acidified lakes and dead trees downwind of Sudbury, Ont. are evidence of that.

Mines also produce a large amount of waste and leachate from this waste is often highly acidic and presents an environmental hazard. That said, we can't just stop mining. For the sake of the economy, of people and communities that depend on mining, and because we need the raw materials to make stuff, we will need to go on extracting materials from the earth.

Natural Resources Canada is trying to strike a balance between environmental and industrial interests with their Green Mining Initiative (GMI). The GMI is intended as a holistic approach that addresses all mining issues. The four themes of the GMI are footprint reduction, innovation in mine waste management, ecosystem risk management, and mine closure and rehabilitation.

Footprint reduction means "low impact" mining. Extracting metals etc. more efficiently and leaving more of what we don't need in the ground to generate less waste. Innovation in mine waste management is, of course, the development of new technologies to deal with, and mitigate the risks from mine waste. Ecosystem risk management involves understanding how contaminants from mines can affect the environment and therefore knowing what needs to be controlled. Mine closure and rehabilitation involves dealing with the 10,000 orphaned or abandoned mines that are the legacy of Canada's mining traditions.

Funding for the GMI is coming from the federal government as well as from the private sector (mining companies). The work will be done by CANMET Mining and Mineral Sciences Laboratories, Natural Resources Canada's research laboratories and through partnerships with other research entities such as universities.

We will watch with interest for the results of the GMI. If mining can be made environmentally benign then there is hope for us all.

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100 vow to remain car-free

CHALLENGE More than 250 city slickers in Canada, the U.S. and London, England, gave up their cars for a month, choosing instead to walk, bike, take public transit or use car-sharing service Zipcar in Zipcar's 2009 Low-Car Diet challenge that ended Aug. 15. And 100 plan to stay that way after this year's annual program, up from 83 participants who made that commitment after last year's Low-Car Diet.

Key findings from this year's challenge:

- Respondents spent 67 per cent less on vehicle-related costs compared to the previous month.
- 59 per cent said it encouraged them to make other environmentally friendly changes such as recycling, eating more organic foods and reducing their at-home energy usage (like turning off lights).
- 47 per cent said they lost weight — a total of 413 pounds. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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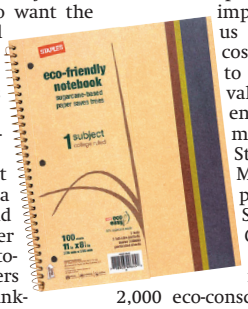
Kyle Miller, a Toronto resident who participated in this year's Low-Car Diet Challenge.

School supplies go green

BACK TO SCHOOL Kids today are keen about the environment so it's only natural for them to want the greenest school supplies — from chipboard binders to biodegradable report covers.



In a recent Staples Canada and Angus Reid survey, 80 per cent of back-to-school shoppers said they are thinking about environmentally-friendly options for school supplies this season.

"Staples has always been at the forefront of offering sustainable products. It's important for us as a low-cost operator to consider value and the environment," said Steve Matyas, president of Staples Canada. With more than 2,000 eco-conscious products, Matyas says the retailer takes the health of the environment seriously. "Not only do we run the Recycle For Education program, we've also helped to reduce the packaging of products being delivered to our stores."

Under the program, Staples stores across Canada collect and recycle used ink and toner cartridges. Cartridges are dropped into recycling bins at the store and the retailer donates funds back to local schools.

Back-to-school shopping is one of those necessary expenditures so why not add value to the experience by investing in school supplies that are good for the environment.

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U.S. bank failure tally rises to 84 for 2009
Three more U.S. banks failed Friday, bringing the total to 84 so far this year, as the industry continues to grapple with deteriorating loans on their books. Regulators shuttered Affinity Bank of Ventura, Calif., Bradford Bank in Baltimore, Md., and Mainstreet Bank of Forest Lake, Minn. REUTERS

Business

Dealers warned on 'cash for clunkers'

Ontario's regulator for auto dealers has warned that using the "cash for clunkers" phrase is deceptive and misleading. The Ontario Motor Vehicle Industry Council issued the warning recently and a cease-and-desist order against a group of GTA dealers at a local auto mall. On a website, the dealers offered up to $4,500 to scrap old vehicles and buy new models, suggesting the offer was tied to a government program. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Business in brief

NORTEL Bankrupt Canadian telecom equipment maker Nortel Networks Corp. owes the U.S. Internal Revenue Service a staggering $3 billion US in taxes and interest, according to a claim filed in the company's bankruptcy case. The IRS claim, filed earlier this month, lists $2.97 billion US in unsecured priority claims, along with $49.3 million US in unsecured general claims.

STEEL U.S. Steel is restarting the blast furnace at its Hamilton, Ont., mill after a nine-month shutdown, the company said on Friday. The Canadian goverment has argued the U.S. company has failed to meet is commitments made on its 2007 acquisition of Stelco.

APPLIANCES Whirlpool Corp. plans to shut a plant in Evansville, Ind. and move some production to Mexico next year, a change that will eliminate about 1,100 jobs — 1.6 per cent of the world's biggest appliance maker's workforce. REUTERS

Christmas — already?

Retailers push up season, desperate for sales

Boxes of red velvet Santas and "real feel" pre-lit Christmas trees line the aisles at a Costco store in Toronto — right next to the barbecues left over from an unseasonably cool and economically challenging summer.

The Sears Christmas catalogue landed on John Williams' doorstep two weeks ago — the day after he got back from a warm summer holiday. It seems Christmas is coming earlier every year, and some consumers are far from happy.

Not that long ago, consumers seemed surprised — and dismayed — to see Christmas decor in the stores before Halloween.

This year, the season seems to have started well before Labour Day.

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Shoppers still in their summer shorts pass by a Christmas display at Costco in Toronto last week. After a disastrous Christmas last year and lacklustre sales most of this year, many retailers are desperate to make up the shortfall in the final four months.

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Holiday sales can account for as much as 40 per cent of annual sales, more for those who specialize in giftware. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

BMO offers 5 SmartSteps on organizing finances

The Bank of Montreal launched a program in June called SmartSteps to give clients practical tips on organizing their finances during the recession.

Branch staff give customers a small blue booklet that centres on five practical tips to lower fees, reduce interest costs and pay less money in taxes.

The tips are:

1 Start an automatic savings plan. By saving $50 a week, one can save $2,600 plus interest in a year.

2 Control bank fees by choosing the right plan; too many people fritter away money on debit fees.

3 Pay your mortgage bi-weekly to pay off the loan four years faster. It is possible to save more than $47,000 in interest charges that way.

4 Take advantage of the tax-free savings accounts.

5 Avoid nasty penalties for insufficient funds through automated money transfers.

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Land deals becoming covert

GULF States seeking farmland for food security are going underground as the deals, seen by many as land grabs, risk tarnishing their reputation, a consultant advising the region on the deals said yesterday.

Gulf Arab countries have been buying farmland in developing nations to ensure food security, following spikes in basic commodity prices. REUTERS

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Raikkonen regains F1 form

Kimi Raikkonen held off Force India driver Giancarlo Fisichella to win Formula One's Belgian Grand Prix, the Ferrari driver's fourth triumph at the track in the past five years. The former champion, who started sixth yesterday, overtook pole sitter Fisichella after the safety car came in following accidents on the opening lap. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sports

More to come: Bolt

Fresh from setting a pair of world records, Usain Bolt, left, is ready to go faster. The Jamaican sprinter said yesterday that by analyzing his recent races, he will be able to improve on his record times of 9.58 seconds in the 100 metres and 19.19 in the 200. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Membership has its privileges

It's Called Football

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Let's have some fun with this: Toronto FC director of business operations Paul Beirne posed the question to some of the TFC supporters groups last week — if the club had a membership, what should it include and how much should it cost?

TFC is looking at it in terms of the European model, which, in some cases, allows members to vote out presidents, coaches and have a say on the operations of the team.

The cynics, as they often do in this town, have jumped all over the quasi-proposal "as just another way for MLSE to get its money grubbing hands on our hard earned dollars." It's an argument that is as accurate as it is tired and worn out. MLSE is a business. It aims to make money. Get over it.

I'm by no means in favour of the blind-support movement, but the opportunity to get creative with this open-ended proposal is too tempting to pass up. Ask for anything? OK, I will.

Some things I'd like to see included in the Toronto FC membership:

One day a year, a Toronto FC player comes to your house to help out. Chad Barrett could cut your lawn.

How about Carl Robinson cooking you breakfast? Or maybe Danny Dichio looks after your Grandma and has a nice cup of tea with her.

Maybe you're thinking, "I don't care how hard a worker Chad Barrett is. I don't need him tending to my lawn. I want the team to win."

So how about in years the team doesn't make the playoffs, the members get to choose someone from the MLSE brass to go in a carnival dunk tank? Someone like Richard Peddie, for example.

In the same spirit, how about an annual Survivor contest? Fans could choose three players deemed to be the most overpaid/rated/played and send them off to an island. The survivor comes back next season to play with the team. This would take that whole competing-for-positions thing that coach Chris Cummins likes to another level.

"How about Carl Robinson cooking you breakfast? Or maybe Danny Dichio looks after your Grandma and has a nice cup of tea with her."

Annual TFC WAG (wives and girlfriends) calendars; control of supporters' section seating; and a lower, flat rate on beer would all be nice, too.

MLSE can dress it up all it wants, but at the end of the day the best way to engage soccer fans isn't through gimmicks like a membership. The best way to engage soccer fans is through open, transparent dealings — something a lot of supporters have been clamouring for lately.

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Men's eight take world silver

Canadians second to Germany in final, new crew left looking for answers

Canada's predicament in the men's eight final at the world rowing championships was summed up succinctly by Olympic gold medallist Malcolm Howard:

"If you want to talk in terms of Olympic cycles, this is a fantastic start."
Mark Laidlaw, coxswain

"The truth of it is the Germans asked us the question in the middle of that race and we didn't have the answer for it," Howard said.

They have plenty of time to find it between now and the 2012 London Olympics. Also, they aren't the only Canadian crew looking for answers.

It was a strong showing for the Canadian men's eight yesterday at Poznan, Poland, winning a silver medal behind the Germans with only two members returning from the squad that was dominant in winning Olympic gold last summer. The Germans, looking for revenge after not making the final in Beijing, won by more than three seconds.

"If you want to talk in terms of Olympic cycles, this is a fantastic start," coxswain Mark Laidlaw of Mississauga said. "We've got a very strong group and a very enthusiastic group, which I think is even equally important as to how strong it is."

There was some disappointment among the other crews, particularly the lightweight doubles in which Doug Vandor of Dewittville, Que., and Cam Sylvester of Caledon were fifth in the men's race and Sheryl Preston of North Delta, B.C., and Lindsay Jennerich of Victoria were last among six in the women's final. The Canadian women's eight was also sixth. Both lightweight crews were expected to contend, but coach Mike Spracklen thought they succumbed to the pressure.

"They were capable of being amongst the leaders fighting for medals, but neither performed," Spracklen said. "It's unusual to get two boats that don't perform, but unfortunately that's what happened."

Spracklen was delighted to see the men's eight so competitive so soon after Beijing with a new crew and said he is confident the program is moving in the right direction under new high performance director Peter Cookson.

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Blue Jays **Play at the plate**

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Boston's J.D. Drew scores around Toronto catcher Rod Barajas on an RBI single by Alex Gonzalez yesterday at Fenway Park in Boston. The Red Sox beat the Blue Jays 7-0.

Federer eyeing modern-day U.S. Open record

TENNIS Roger Federer and Serena Williams will begin the defence of their U.S. Open titles at Flushing Meadows today, while Kim Clijsters returns to grand-slam tennis for the first time in two years.

World No. 1 Federer, chasing a modern-day record sixth straight title at Flushing Meadows, plays American wild card Devin Britton in the first round in his first grand-slam event since the birth of his twin daughters last month.

The Swiss, bidding to add the U.S. Open to the French Open and Wimbledon titles he won earlier this year, is hoping to equal the mark set by American Bill Tilden in the 1920s.

Moreover, Federer can extend his record of grand-slam wins to 16 by winning in New York.

It is a far cry from 12 months ago when he arrived in New York without having won one of the first three grand slams for the first time since 2002.

"I'm just more relaxed this time," he said. "I've already won slams this year. That takes away pressure from having to do well here, like the feeling I had last year, not having won a slam last year, trying to get the first one. REUTERS

Sports in brief

TENNIS U.S. Open players and their entourages are being told to be careful about what they post on their Twitter accounts. The message from the Tennis Integrity Unit points out that Twitter messages could violate the sport's anti-corruption rules. Tweeting is not allowed on court during matches.

GOLF Heath Slocum won the opening of golf's playoffs, The Barclays, yesterday by sinking a 20-foot par putt on the final hole for a one-shot victory over Steve Stricker. Slocum finished the tournament at 9-under. Mike Weir of Bright's Grove, Ont., shot 71 to finish tied for 33rd.

NASCAR Carl Edwards won the NAPA Auto Parts 200 in Montreal, while local favourites Andrew Ranger and Jacques Villeneuve finished third and fourth at the NASCAR Nationwide event yesterday at Circuit Gilles Villeneuve.

SOCCER Emmanuel Adebayor scored his third goal in as many Premier League matches to give Manchester City a 1-0 win at Portsmouth yesterday, maintaining the club's perfect start to the season. Also yesterday, Everton rallied to beat Wigan 2-1 as Leighton Baines converted a 90th-minute penalty against his former club. In yesterday's late match, Aston Villa bested Fulham 2-0.

BASEBALL Zack Greinke pitched a one-hitter, allowing only a second-inning single by Kenji Johjima, and the Kansas City Royals beat the Seattle Mariners 3-0 yesterday. Greinke (13-8) retired the final 22 batters after Johjima's two-out single up the middle.

BASEBALL California fell behind early, but rallied to beat Taoyuan, Taiwan, 6-3 yesterday to win the Little League World Series. With the win, the United States now has five straight titles.

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Provincial funding cuts affect uAlberta disability help centre

When the Alberta government decided last December not to renew an annual $2.5-million provincewide grant for exam accommodations, the University of Alberta's student disability help centre lost nearly a fifth of its funding. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Workology

New alarms at Carleton

Last week, Carleton University launched its new Emergency Notification System, which it calls the most comprehensive on a university campus in the country. Carleton recently settled a lawsuit with a student assaulted on campus two years ago who accused the school of failing to provide adequate safety. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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The double standard

Studies show women thriving in new roles and men aren't adapting

RAFAEL BRUSILOW
for Metro Canada

As equality in the workplace becomes less elusive for women, inequalities in home life still threaten to hold them back.

Reports from Statistics Canada show that while men are doing more household chores and women are doing more paid work, men still spend only 1.4 hours per day on housework compared to the 2.4 hours on average done by women.

The result is that while women have continued to break down barriers in the workplace, they still face the challenge of having to do more work at home than men as well as a double-standard of being seen as innately overstretched by their responsibilities.

When Ontario Superior Court judge Douglas Cunningham told a courtroom in August that he felt Ontario MPP Lisa MacLeod's testimony in the corruption trial of Ottawa mayor Larry O'Brien was unreliable because she had "a number of rather significant things going on in her life," including taking care of her kids, many in the public and the media took that to mean he didn't think a busy woman could give reliable testimony.

Carissa Reiniger, president of Women Entrepreneurs of Canada, says while the context of the judge's comments is still up to debate, the perception of working women as less competent at juggling complex lives than men is a common one that boils down mostly to changing gender roles, primarily being changed by women.

"If you look at what's happened in the last 60 years, women have put a lot of time and effort into adjusting their role, to entrench themselves into what have traditionally been masculine roles but often they still have to take care of the family," Reiniger said.

Reiniger says most of the tension comes from the fact that while women have made inroads into the previously male-dominated world of business, men have not made as big of an encroachment into traditionally female roles.

"Many men are quite supportive of women in the workforce but they generally have not, with the same level of tenacity, said 'I want to be a part of the home life.' They've been bombarded by the shift in women's roles but their own role hasn't shifted much," Reiniger said.

Reiniger hopes attitudes will change as people realize that business and familial traits are not gender related at all.

"It's not a sob story to say that women do often have to make a tough choice between working hard and trying to raise a family, though many do so extremely effectively. Unfortunately for a long time the stereotype has been that you've got to be a horrible person as a woman to succeed like a man. That's not true," Reiniger said.

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Preston not ready to talk about son

Kelly Preston is pulling out of the annual Women's Conference, where she was to break her silence about the death of her teenage son with John Travolta. The actress said in a statement Friday that she is "still deeply in the process of healing, and it's just too soon." POPEATER.COM

Entertainment

Blunt to wed

Emily Blunt and John Krasinski are set to wed. The British actress, 26, and The Office star, 29, have been dating since November, following her split from crooner Michael Buble. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

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Gay ol' time in fall

New Paradise Falls turns up the quirky

IAN JOHNSTON
for Metro Canada

Paradise Falls is going gay — more gay — proudly promoting its third season on Showcase as "the gayest CanCon on TV."

"That's hilarious. That's funny. I hadn't heard that," says series regular Salvatore Antonio, who plays gay B&B owner Sasha on the prime time soap.

"But that is one true statement. The show is kind of like Twin Peaks meets Desperate Housewives meets Queer as Folk. It's one quirky show."

Quirky is a good word to describe Paradise Falls. Long before the conniving cougars arrived on Wisteria Lane, Paradise Falls was offering up a heavy dose of cottage-country bad behaviour — all done with a sly wink.

"I think what sets it apart from the usual soap is that it doesn't take itself seriously," says Antonio, who joined the show in its second season.

"It has humour but it also deals with serious issues. But yeah, we are taking the piss out of a lot of stuff."

Not surprisingly, Paradise Falls hasn't had a typical broadcast life on TV either.

Though this is its third season, the show first aired in 2000. This season was in fact filmed in 2007, and has already aired in the U.S. on the specialty network Here-TV.

Co-creator/writer Paula Smith says the sporadic broadcast history has proven a creative plus for the show.

"It's allowed us the time in between to regroup and reinvent the show," she says. "I think a lot of journalists who didn't like the show in the beginning might be surprised we're still around 104 episodes later."

Smith says the increase in gay characters and storylines came about gradually and is, in part, an acknowledgement of its audience at the gay-oriented Here-TV.

"I think when we first began it was more like 10 per cent of the show, but we've become much more gay as we've gone along," she says. "But it's still the same show. We're still taking the soap opera conventions and turning them on their ear. "

That includes a third season opener featuring a gay wedding that threatens to turn into a ménage-a-trois before the honeymoon is even over.

"Without giving too much away — it's a long wedding night," laughs Antonio.

Paradise Falls returns for its third season Sept. 2 on Showcase.

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Halloween 2: Been there, killed that

Halloween 2
Director: Rob Zombie
Stars: Scout Taylor-Compton, Tyler Mane
Classification: STC

It's deja vu all over again with this sequel to 2007's $80 million-grossing reboot of the Halloween franchise that apparently is as hard to kill off as its central character Michael Myers.

This edition, dubbed "the terrifying final chapter" in the ads (another line you probably shouldn't take at face value), begins moments after the last one, with a bloody and clearly traumatized Laurie Strode (Scout Taylor-Compton) convinced that she has dispatched Michael Myers. Well, someone forgot to tell him, because after the police vehicle transporting him to the morgue crashes into an errant cow, he promptly revives and resumes his errant ways.

And so it goes, with the story alternating between repeated scenes of Laurie having bad dreams and Michael (Tyler Mane) gutting nearly everyone with whom he comes into contact.

As with his 2007 effort, director-screenwriter Rob Zombie's approach is far grittier than in the original series. The 1978 film took place in a bucolic suburban setting, which made Michael's murderous rampages all the more shocking. Here, as with the filmmaker's House of 1000 Corpses and The Devil's Rejects, the action occurs in a rural environment populated largely by rednecks and strippers. As a matter of fact, most of Michael's victims pretty much deserve what happens to them.

Even the character of Dr. Loomis, Michael's psychiatrist (played so memorably by Donald Pleasence in the original), has been made darker. Here, as played by a hammy Malcolm McDowell, he's a media-whore opportunist looking to score big bucks for his latest book about his most infamous patient.

Perhaps reflecting the filmmaker's other career as a recording artist, many of the film's scares come as much from the ultra-vivid horrifying sound effects as the gore itself. REUTERS

Tyler Mane plays killer Michael Myers in Halloween 2.

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Bentley sued by AmEx

American Beauty actor Wes Bentley is allegedly in hot water with American Express — which is suing him for over $90,000 US. According to the lawsuit, Bentley opened a Gold Account with AmEX, charged up $92,738.86, and never paid it off. TMZ.COM

Michael gets remixed by top talent

HONOUR As a tribute to Michael Jackson and his early work, an all-star group of music producers are putting new spins on the late pop star's catalogue.

Michael Jackson: The Remix Suite features 25 remixes of Jackson's classic Motown material as a solo artist and with the Jackson 5, reinterpreted by such marquee producers as Chris (Tricky) Stewart, the Neptunes, Polow Da Don, Rodney Jerkins, Stargate and Paul Oakenfold.

Universal Motown Records will release the tracks gradually, in five-song digital bundles, before the physical album arrives Oct. 27. Each bundle, beginning with the Aug. 25 release of The Remix Suite I, has been designed as an homage that emphasizes Jackson's influence on modern pop production.

The Remix Suite was spearheaded by Universal Motown president Sylvia Rhone, who opened the label's archives and asked each producer to remix a Jackson or Jackson 5 song that had inspired him. "We came up with a long list (of producers), expecting people to be unavailable," Rhone said. "But there was literally not one 'no' answer. People dropped everything they were doing to help out with this."

GETTY IMAGES

A group of producers are putting new spins on Michael Jackson's catalogue of music.

The final list is a diverse group, from reggae specialist Salaam Remi to house music guru Frankie Knuckles. Blink-182's Mark Hoppus said he was shocked that Universal Motown asked him to contribute a track, but added, "Just to be included in a project like this is a huge honour."

The remixes add modern production techniques to Jackson's songs while highlighting the elements that made them classics. Dallas Austin, whose remix of I Wanna Be Where You Are integrates fresh bass guitar and funky synthesizers, slightly altered the instrumentation in order to "futurize" the song and "see what it would sound like today."

His take appears on the first bundle along with remixes by the Neptunes, Stargate, Remi and Polow Da Don.

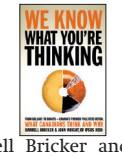
Hoppus, meanwhile, wanted his version of ABC to capture the charm of Jackson's early career. "When we were working, there was such a reverence for the vocals," he recalled. "We tried to keep the spirit of that track, which is more youthful exuberance."

REUTERS

Peer into Canadian brains

We Know What You're Thinking

Authors: Darell Bricker & John Wright
Publisher: HarperCollins Canada
Price: $19.99 (Paperback)



Darrell Bricker and John Wright make their livings by telling Canadians about themselves. Now, the high rankers at Canadian market research company Ipsos Reid have compiled choice data on regions, business and individuals, from the humorous through the serious to the shocking, in this new collection of homegrown facts and figures. They discover Albertans are more likely to take a parent to a movie date instead of Hollywood hotshots, Canadian women overwhelmingly prefer the beach for a romantic moment, most doubt the tenets of the environmental movement and Canadians generally don't believe in ghosts, except in the Prairies, where most do.

Michael Jackson: The Magic, The Madness, The Whole Story

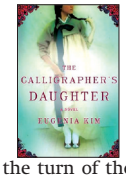
Author: J. Randy Taraborrelli
Publisher: Grand Central Publishing
Price: $22.99 (Hardcover)

Thursday marks the funeral of the late King of Pop, Michael Jackson, days after what would have been his 51st birthday. In commemoration of his death, J. Randy Taraborrelli has re-released an updated version of his thorough chronicle of the troubled star's life, including his final days. At a whopping 765 pages, the 12-part account contains a detailed history of Jackson, including his childhood introduction to music. Having spoken with Jackson since they were children, Taraborrelli's analysis presents an honest portrait of a man misunderstood.

BookPicks

The Calligrapher's Daughter

Author: Eugenia Kim
Publisher: Henry Holt
Price: $33 (Hardcover)



After the turn of the 20th Century, Korea is in a struggle between tried traditions and contemporary practices, a battle reflected in Najin Han's life. While her calligrapher father wants her to marry young to secure the upper-class mate he's found for her, Najin's mother refuses, instead sending her to the royal court to find finesse. Najin flourishes, attending college and becoming a teacher while gaining wealth and status. But as the Second World War approaches, poverty and suspicions of being a spy ravage her, as the Japanese gradually overtake the country and people young and old endeavour to understand their place.

— BRIAN COULTON/ FOR METRO CANADA

Box office

Following are the top 10 films at the North American box office for the weekend beginning Aug. 28, according to studio estimates:

1. **The Final Destination:** $28.3 million US
2. **Inglourious Basterds:** $20 million
3. **Halloween 2:** $17.4 million
4. **District 9:** $10.7 million
5. **G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra** $8 million
6. **Julie & Julia:** $7.4 million
7. **The Time Traveler's Wife:** $6.7 million
8. **Shorts:** $4.9 million
9. **Taking Woodstock:** $3.7 million
10. **G-Force:** $2.8 million

REUTERS

Kenya's Style
Kenya Hunt
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DT	Vu	SC	C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
8/31/09 primetime	265	353	2	TVO	Time Team "Early Bath"		The Agenda With Steve Paikin		Midsomer Murders		Auschwitz:Nazi-Final Solution		Agenda-Paikin
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	209	342	6	CHRO	The Road to Avonlea		Gossip Girl "Valley Girls"		Two/Half Men	Gary Unmarr	Stargate Atlantis (DVS)		Comedy Now
	196	311	7	CTV	etalk	Hollywood	Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CTV News
	208	303	8	CBC	Wheel-Fortune	Jeopardy!	Little Mosque	Sophie (HDTV)	Comedy Fest.	Comedy Fest	CBC News: The National		The Hour
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	214	344	15	CITY	Law & Order: SVU		Murdoch Mysteries		Valentine		Man Tracker (DVS)		News
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critics' corner

Sophie
Now, see, this is why one should never, ever burn one's bridges, especially in showbiz. A certain casting director was on the receiving end of some harsh treatment from Estelle (Sara Botsford) years ago. Now guess who needs work and has to make nice with said casting director. Judith (Mimi Kuzyk) has a new roommate: Ophelia (Chantelle Chung). Natalie Brown also stars in "The Casting Couch." 8:30 PM on 8 CBC

CMA Music Festival: Country's Night to Rock
Trace Adkins, Jason Aldean, Dierks Bentley, Brooks & Dunn, Kenny Chesney, Julianne Hough, Kid Rock, Lady Antebellum, Miranda Lambert, Martina McBride, Reba McEntire, Brad Paisley, Darius Rucker, Sugarland and Taylor Swift are scheduled to perform during this three-hour special culled from the perennial popular country music festival held in Nashville, Tenn., last June. Cameron Mathison hosts. 8 PM on 20 ABC

No whiners allowed: Chris

Coldplay's Chris Martin has a major pet peeve: People who whine about their success. "I hate people who complain about being famous," Martin said, according to Showbiz Spy. "I've got my dream life at the moment. I'm not going to complain ..." METRO WORLD NEWS

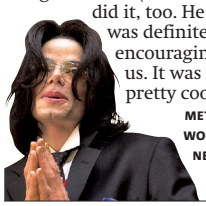
Celebrity Buzz

Mark recalls being 'Bad'

BOYS BEHAVING BADLY Celebrating the life of Michael Jackson, DJ and producer Mark Ronson fondly remembers hanging out with the singer in New York during the Bad tour with pal Sean Lennon.

"He had an after-party at his hotel room at the St. Regis and we were making soggies — toilet paper made into a wet ball — and chucking them from the penthouse," Ronson, who was around 12 at the time, told the New York Post.

"It was a terrible, bratty thing to do. But (Michael) did it, too. He was definitely encouraging us. It was pretty cool." METRO WORLD NEWS



Celebrity tweets

Diablo Cody gets rebellious a few years late and Miley Cyrus has trouble living without modern conveniences.

• @diablocody I wasn't allowed to have Crystal Light as a kid, but now I have it every day. In your face, Mom! GLAMOUROUS DIET DRINK!

• @mileycyrus The A/C is broken in my house :(Can't sleep in this sauna of a room! Ahh. METRO WORLD NEWS

Shania's new outlook on life

STARTING FRESH More than a year after splitting from her husband following his affair with her best friend, Shania Twain took to her official site to tell fans she's doing great and to announce her new relationship, usmagazine.com reports.

On Friday, the country singer's 44th birthday, she posted a personal letter and a 15-minute video travelogue of her most memorable moments from the past year.

"I feel very alive and well, ready to take on the gift of another year," Twain wrote. The star split from her husband, Robert (Mutt) Lange in May 2008 after he had an affair with her longtime best friend, Marie-Anne Thiebaud.

"I consider myself on a journey of discovery and recovery," she said of life post-split. "I don't accept to be held down by the past, nor do I expect too much of the future."

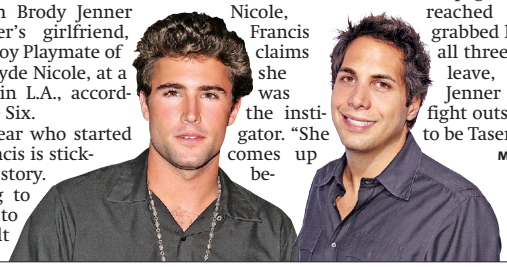
Who is accompanying Twain on that journey? Thiebaud's ex-husband, Frederic Thiebaud, whom Twain calls "a dear friend and true gentleman."

"We leaned on one another through the ups and downs, taking turns holding each other up. We've become stronger and closer through it all." METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebs go wild in bar brawl

FIGHT FIGHT FIGHT! Girls Gone Wild honcho Joe Francis got into a bar brawl with Brody Jenner and Jenner's girlfriend, 2008 Playboy Playmate of the Year Jayde Nicole, at a nightclub in L.A., according to Page Six.

It's unclear who started it, but Francis is sticking to his story. "I'm going to the police to file assault charges," said Francis. While Jenner told TMZ that Francis attacked Nicole, Francis claims she was the instigator. "She comes up behind me, pushes me, and then dumps a glass of champagne on me, so I reached around and grabbed her hair." After all three were asked to leave, Francis says Jenner continued the fight outside — and had to be Tasered by security. METRO WORLD NEWS



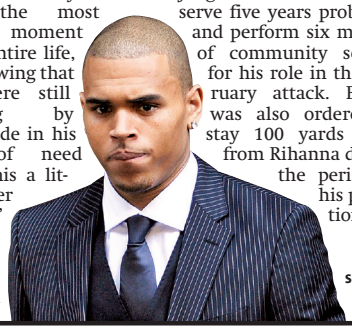
Mom thanks fans for support

ON SON'S BEHALF Just days after Chris Brown was formally sentenced for beating Rihanna, his mother finally addressed fans about the ordeal, popeater.com reports.

"I just want to say from the bottom of my heart thank you for your continued support. I'm sorry I wasn't allowed to speak to anyone as this case was ongoing," Joyce Hawkins wrote on thechrisbrownfanclub.com.

"I can now say this has been the most painful moment in my entire life, but knowing that you were still standing by Chris' side in his time of need made this a little easier for us," she added.

Last week, a judge ordered Brown to serve five years probation and perform six months of community service for his role in the February attack. Brown was also ordered to stay 100 yards away from Rihanna during the period of his probation. METRO NEWS SERVICES

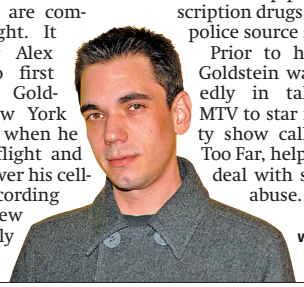


Details of DJ AM's death emerge

TRAGIC END As friends and loved ones react to the death of DJ AM, whose real name was Adam Goldstein, details about his tragic end are coming to light. It was actor Alex Burn who first rushed to Goldstein's New York apartment when he missed a flight and didn't answer his cellphone, according to the New York Daily News.

After calling police to break the door down, they reportedly found Goldstein face down on his bed, with a crack pipe and prescription drugs nearby, a police source says.

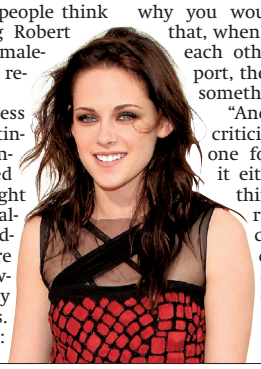
Prior to his death, Goldstein was reportedly in talks with MTV to star in a reality show called Gone Too Far, helping teens deal with substance abuse. METRO WORLD NEWS



Romance rumours justifiable

THAT TOTALLY MAKES SENSE Kristen Stewart "understands" why people think she is dating Robert Pattinson, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The actress has been continuously romantically linked to her Twilight co-star and although she admits they are "close," Stewart claims they are just pals. She said: "Robert and I are great friends but I understand why you would assume that, when we lean on each other for support, there must be something more. "And I'm not criticizing anyone for thinking it either. If anything, they're really perceptive because they can see a closeness." METRO NEWS SERVICES



Jason attacked by monkey

MAYBE IT WASN'T A FAN? While on a backpacking trip to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the American Pie film, actor Jason Biggs was caught off guard in Gibraltar when a monkey jumped on him and tried to bite his face off, according to Gatecrasher.

"Jason's travelling companions managed to fend the beast off and Jason thankfully wasn't seriously hurt, just shaken up," a source said. Biggs reportedly ended his trip early after the attack and headed back to the United States. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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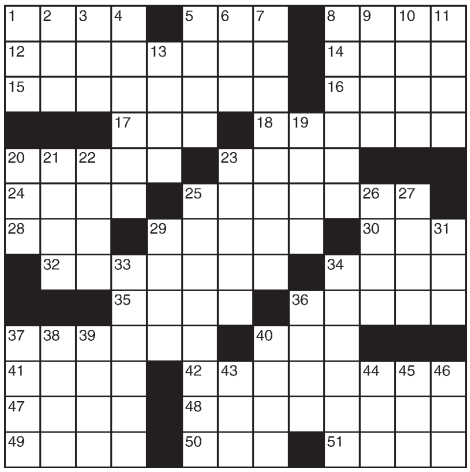

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Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone — one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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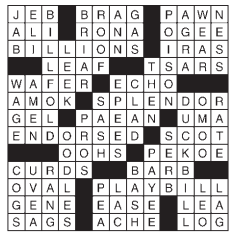
PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



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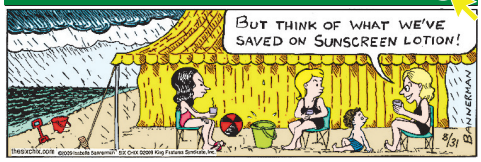

Metro Recipe of the Day

Fennel Stuffed Cod

INGREDIENTS:

1 cup (250 ml) plain yogurt
2-1/4 cups (550 ml) finely chopped fennel fronds, divided
1 tsp (5 ml) lemon juice
1 tsp (5 ml) snipped chives
1/8 tsp (0.5 ml) salt, optional
1/8 tsp (0.5 ml) pepper
2 celery ribs, chopped
1/4 cup (50 ml) chopped onion
2 to 4 tbsp (25 to 60 ml) vegetable oil
4 cups (1 l) stuffing croutons
1 cup (250 ml) chicken broth
2 eggs, beaten
4 cod or flounder fillets
1 medium lemon, sliced

METHOD:

1. For sauce, combine yogurt, 1/4 cup (50 ml) of fennel, lemon juice, chives, salt if desired and pepper in bowl. Cover and refrigerate 2 hours or overnight.
2. In small skillet, sauté celery and onion in oil until tender. Remove from heat. Stir in croutons, broth, eggs and remaining fennel. Spoon about 1 cup (250 ml) stuffing mixture onto each fillet; roll fish around stuffing.
3. Transfer to greased 2-qt. (2-l) baking dish. Top each with lemon slice. Bake, uncovered, at 350 F (180 C) 30-35 minutes or until fish flakes easily with fork and thermometer inserted into stuffing reads 160 F (71 C). Serve with fennel sauce.

SERVES 4

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ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Your thoughts may be rather heavy as the new week begins but that's good in that you need to get serious about what you're going to be doing.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Are you the victim of a plot or whispering campaign? Maybe, but more likely it is just your imagination playing tricks on you again.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
You may find it hard to understand why certain people act in certain ways, but there is no point getting uptight about it because they won't change.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Don't give up on a project just because you suspect the results will be less than you hoped for. Having come so far it would be a shame to abandon it now.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
You will start the week with high hopes but it won't be long before you realize that there are some serious obstacles up ahead.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
The planets indicate someone annoyed you over the weekend and you're determined to get back at them. But they're not worth the effort. Let it pass.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Don't take anything too seriously today: The planets indicate it will be hard to see the good things if you focus too readily on the bad.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
You would dearly like to help someone who is struggling but you know if you do they will never learn to look after themselves.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
You will have to work hard as the new week begins, mainly to catch up on all the things you should have done last week.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
Are you making the most of your time? That's what you need to ask yourself as the new week begins. The planets indicate you've let things slip.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
You may be tempted to tear down everything you have achieved and start again from scratch, but is that necessary? Don't junk the essentials.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
The cosmic setup means it's natural for you to worry, but don't let it get out of hand. This week you'll see you're on the verge of a breakthrough.

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1. Mouse Jerry foe's school dances (1)
2. Dog Otis's partner's farm buildings (2)
3. Weak cartoon cat with Ren (2)
4. "9Lives ad cat, meet actress Day" (2)
5. Three little baby cats' winter wear (2)
6. Boots-wearing cat's downhill ski runs (2)
7. Stress applied by a smiling Wonderland cat (2)

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1. TOMS PROMS 2. MILOS SILOS 3. WIMPY STIMPY 4. MORRIS DORIS
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